

**FIG. 1**  
BACKGROUND ART

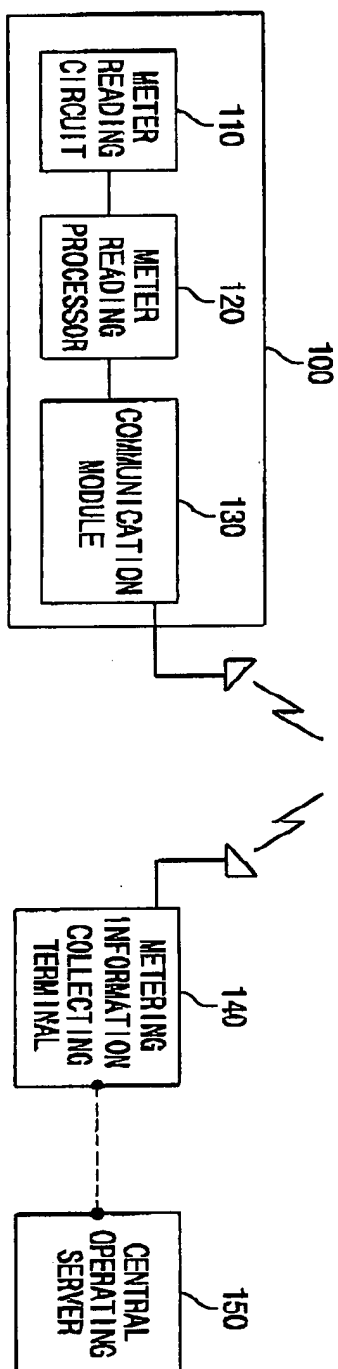


FIG. 2

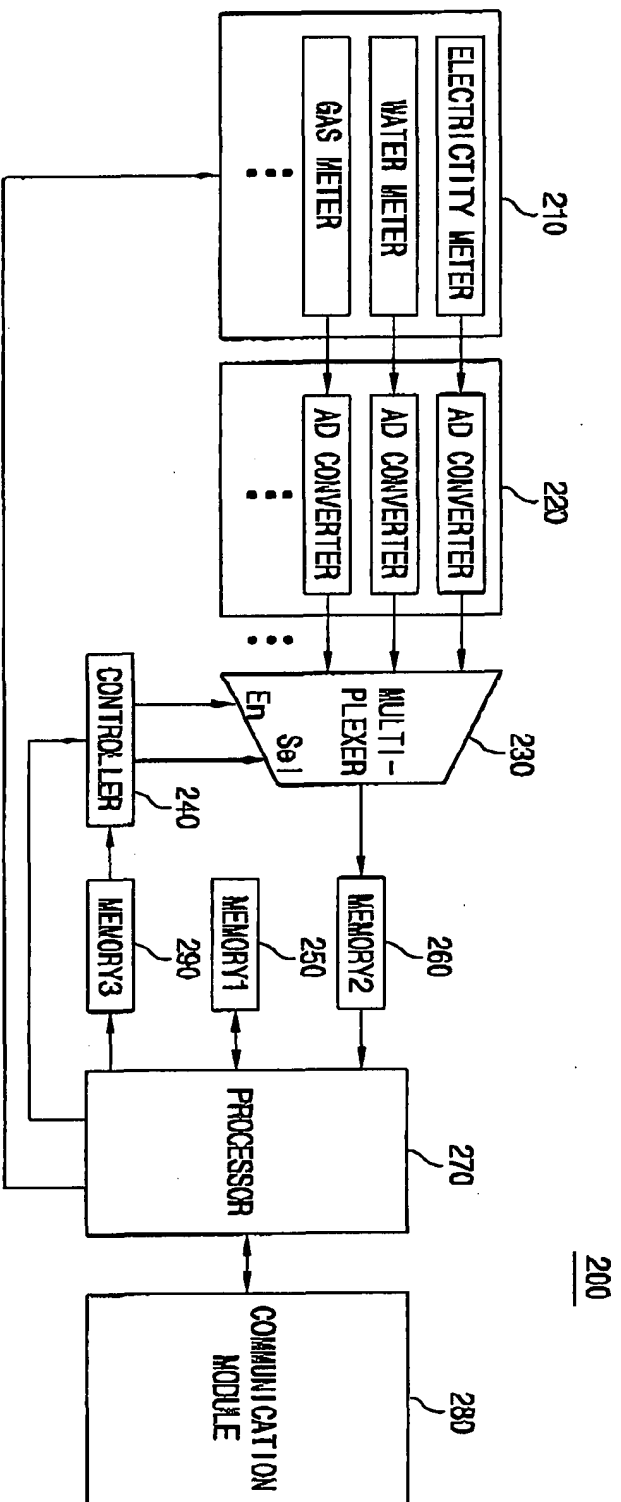


FIG. 3

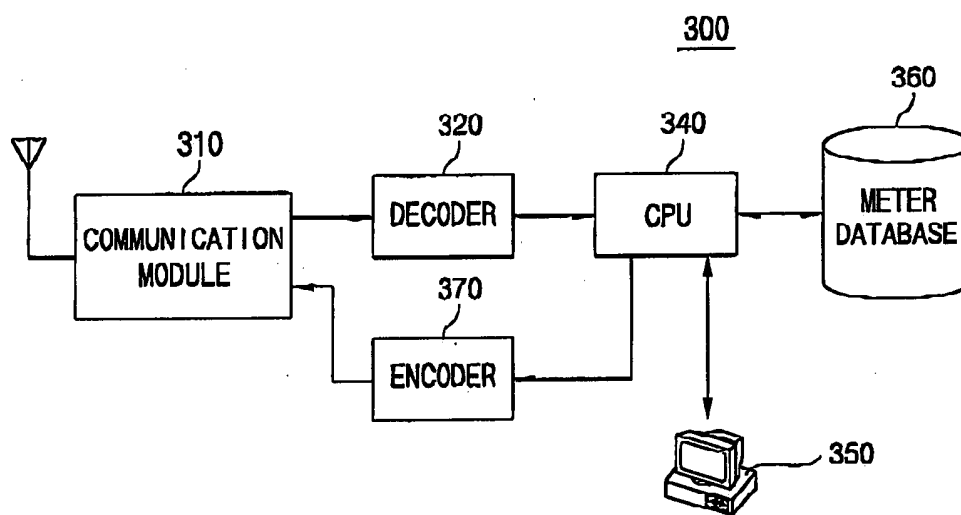


FIG. 4

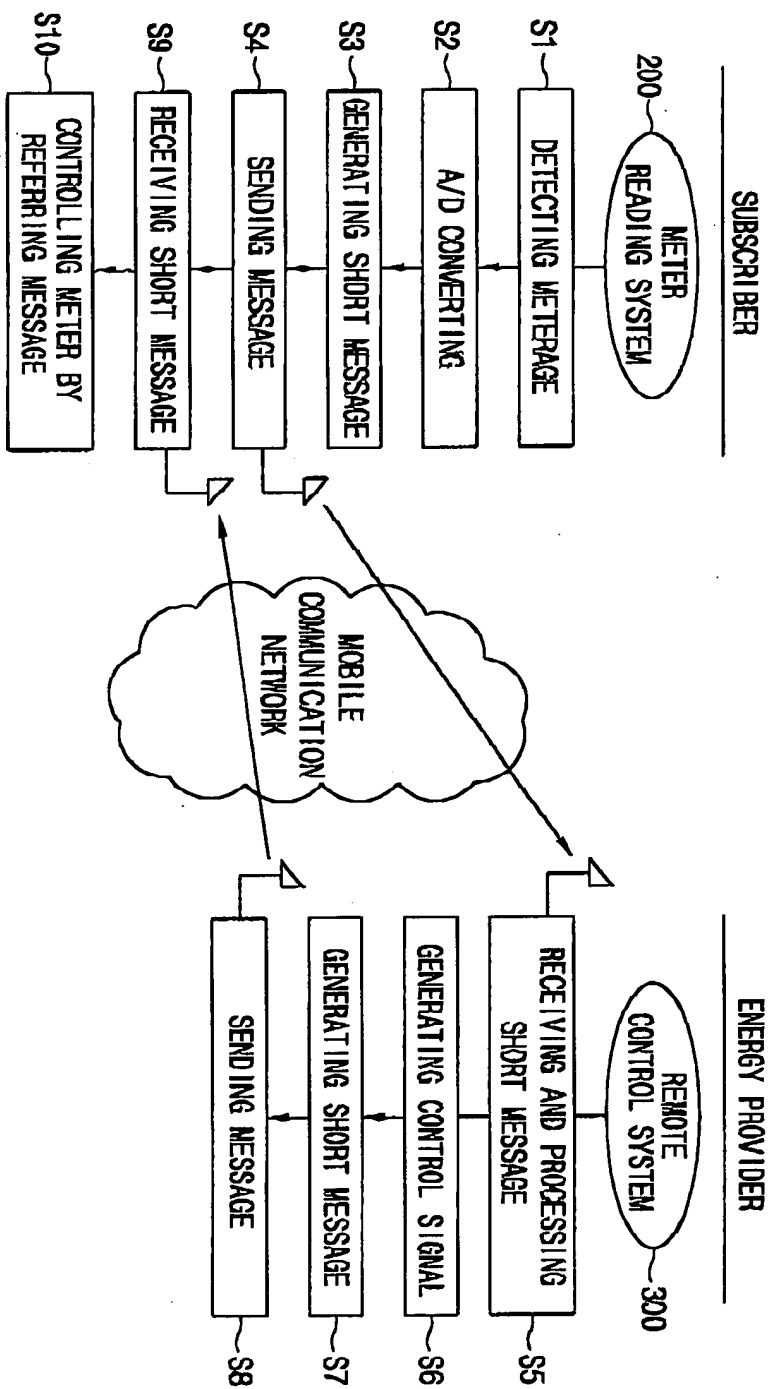


FIG. 5A

TELESERVICE LAYER

MESSAGE IDENTIFIER	USER DATA
-----------------------	--------------

FIG. 5B

MESSAGE IDENTIFIER	SUBSCRIBER NUMBER	ID OF METER	PREDETERMINED METER READING TIME	CUT-OFF INFORMATION	...
-----------------------	----------------------	----------------	-------------------------------------	------------------------	-----

FIG. 5C

MESSAGE IDENTIFIER	SUBSCRIBER NUMBER	ID OF METER	METERAGE	METER READING TIME	STATE INFORMATION
-----------------------	----------------------	----------------	----------	-----------------------	----------------------

**FIG. 6**

